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## AARA Monthly Prizes Drawing



*Beginning with the February 2018 General Meeting, we will be drawing for door prizes differently.*

*We will be using the same sign in sheets but they will correspond to a number which will be put into a container. We will draw a number at the end of the meeting that will match up the sign in sheet. This will save the club money, as we will not have to buy tickets, and will also assure that everybody will be in the drawing for the prizes.*

*Please bring a door prize to the meeting next month as we are running low on prizes. Thank you and everybody have a great month.*

*Ramona Jobe*

*KG5HNO*

## AARA Monday Night 2M Net

*Beginning January 2018, the AARA Monday Night Net will take place on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater in Lafayette, LA only. It was decided that the net will not be on a rotation of repeaters as done so in the past, however the Net Control Operators (NCS) will rotate. Paul McCasland N5KNY volunteered to be Net Manager for 2018.*

*When you check into the net, you will be awarded one point, if you stay around for the comment/73 round part of the net, you will receive 2 points. At the end of 2018, the top 10 scores will be entered into a drawing for a HT or a ARRL Radio Handbook. A net will not take place if a National Holiday falls on Monday night.*

*We would like to thank Linda Breaux KE5HSY for being the Monday Night Net Manager for the year 2017 and those who were NCS for the net. They were: Glenn KD5NVC, Danny KD5JSM, Eric KG5JHP, Chris N5MCY and Paul N5KNY.*

*Linda Breaux KE5HSY reported the TOP 10 Check-Ins for 2017 as follows:*

*KN5GRK=??, K5LFT=41, KD5JSM=40, KG5HNO=37, KG5FNP=34, KG5LQM=30, WM5TS=30, KD5NVC=28, K5CNU=23, and KE5HSY=23*

## GENERAL MEETING

**February 1, 2018 @ 7:00 PM**

Lafayette Science Museum 433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA

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**DATES TO REMEMBER****GENERAL MEETING****February 1, 2018 @ 7:00 PM**

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433 Jefferson Street  
Lafayette, LA

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**Local 2-Meter Nets****Monday**

**AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM**  
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Tuesday**

**Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net 7:00 PM**  
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Wednesday**

**Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM**  
145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

**Thursday**

**Youth Net 7:00 PM**  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA  
EchoLink Node: 370324

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**AARA January 4, 2018 General Meeting Minutes**

**Eric Credeur KG5JHP, AARA President, could not be present at the January meeting and Vice President Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD presided over the meeting.**

~ **Opening prayer by Tom W5OHJ**

~ **Pledge of Allegiance by all and in Cajun French by Sandy KE5KJF**

~ **Introduction of all amateur operators who received their license in the last two months**

~ **A motion was made to accept the November 2, 2017 minutes (the December 2017 Christmas Banquet did not have a General Meeting – no minutes) by Ralph WB5GAF and seconded by Moe K2JDM and accepted by a majority**

~ **Treasurer's report by Tom W5OHJ for the year 2017. Some of the expenses for the year were major repairs to AMOS II and Antenna Trailer. Chris N5MCY explained some of the repairs and man-hours spent in doing these repairs. Tom will elaborate in more detail at the February meeting. Those members wanting a copy need to talk to Tom. The Treasurer's Report is not published in the LARC Newsletter. A motion was made to accept the report by Danny KD5JSM, seconded by Cathy KD5TJZ and accepted by a majority**

**Larry asked if anyone received any ham radio "toys" for Christmas or planning to obtain any new equipment during 2018. Several member of the audience a few items but some mentioned projects they are planning to do in the upcoming year.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AMOS II & Antenna Trailer - Chris N5NYC proposed to house AMOS II and the antenna trailer on his property located in Eunice, LA. This will consist of the club purchasing a metal shed with two enclosed sides, running power to the shed to provide electrical power for operation and a 24/7 dehumidifier (furnished by Tom W5OHJ). A proposal will be drawn up to present to the board at a later date).**

**OFFICERS ELECTIONS – Tom W5OHJ (Election Committee Chairman, [the committee consists of Chris N6YMC, Jackie KF5PCH, and Herman KN5GRK]) explained the qualifications needed to be a club officer. You have to be a paid-up member in order to run and vote.**

The chairman presented their slate at this time. They are: President – Chris Ancelet N6YMC (as Eric Credeur KG5JHP decided not to run), V. President – Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Treasurer – Tom Dischler W5OHJ, and Secretary – David McCutcheon KG5JHR. Board Members are: Paula Romero KF5CNS, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, and Steve Webre AF5VR. Former President Eric Credeur KG5GRK will automatically become a Board Member. LARC Newsletter Editor will be Joseph "Moe" Meaux K2JDM. The Youth Member s to be appointed by the President.

Elections will be held at the February General Meeting with nominations taken from the floor. New officers will be installed at the Hamfest Banquet held after our March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 Hamfest.

**MONDAY NIGHT NET REPORT – Linda Breaux KE5HSY reported the Top 10 Check-Ins for the year 2017 (reported elsewhere in the newsletter). Net Manager for 2018 will be Paul McCasland N5KNY.**

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## January 2018 VE TEST SESSION

*The AARA would like to thank Greg K5LFT for all the hard work involved in putting the test sessions together during the year 2017.*

*This evening's session was a success, not a big one, but none the less. Only person was testing for an Upgrade to General. It was Charles P. Clement Jr. of Jennings K5CLE.*

*The VEs were:*

*Greg ~ K5LFT  
Archie ~ W5AG  
Dave ~ N4ELM  
Brett ~ KG5IQU  
Synomen ~ KG5IRS*

*Thanks to all, and Congratulations to Chuck.*



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HAMFEST COORDINATOR – No specific person volunteered for this position at this time. (However, Brandon J. Stelly KG5LQM DID volunteer a couple of days later. My special Thanks goes out to Brandon.)

CAJUN CUP 10K RUN REPORT – Tom W5OHJ gave a brief summary of the event. There were 6 positions manned. Keith W5KB had an accident when his motorcycle fell on him, and had to be rushed to the E.R. and is recovering from a broken foot. One newly licensed YL, Cheryl KG5SSIS volunteered and had a great time helping out.

PRESENTATIONS – Larry KE5KJD gave a presentation of a couple of our members' stations in a slide program similar to those presented at the November meeting with pictures and descriptions of the equipment. The first up was Gary Hurston KG5QKG , and next up was Herman Campbell KN5GRK.

WINTER FIELD DAY – Chris N5MCY gave a report on the Winter Field Day to be held on January 27, 2018 at the farm of Steve Webre AF5VR located in Church Point, LA starting at 0900 until. There will be some demonstrations on soldering, antenna building, different modes of operation, plus just making contacts with other stations. Look for the e-mails.

DOOR PRIZES – Presented by Ramona KG5HNO.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. All agreed.

Minutes submitted by Herman KN5GRK.

### *Key Cover (on the cheap) REVISITED*

The Key Cover on the left is a creation by Charles Morrison N5WE who constructed it from a Softball Trophy Display case he got at Hobby Lobby for about \$6. He uses it to cover his Begali Key.

I erroneously credited it to Mike Higgins, who had the original idea and published at eHam.com. Mike used a plastic food container to construct his cover, photo on right.



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## JANUARY 2018 AARA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2018

The Board meeting was called to order by Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD Vice President since Eric Credeur KG5JHP President was not present. Members in attendance were Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Chris Ancelet N5MCY, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF replacing Ramona Jobe KG5HNO as Secretary until the election of new officers..

Glen Thibodeaux, KF5FNP, spoke about the information he sent to Eric Credeur KG5JHP on the Hamfest.

Tom Dischler W5OHJ Treasurer, will be handling the money for the Hamfest. He also gave an update on year end expenses.

Tom Dischler W5OHJ brought the Board up-to-date on the repairs made to AMOSII. A team consisting of Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Steve Webre AF5VR, Chris Ancelet N5MCY, and David McCutcheon KG5JHR spent over 180 man hours on AMOSII. Among the repairs were battery charger, back door gasket, oil changes for the generators, replacement of the counter-tops, fixing the drip line and cleaning AMOSII, etc. We will need 2 laptop computers.

Chris Ancelet N5MCY offered to house AMOSII and the antenna trailer on his property in Eunice, LA. The club will purchase a garage shed measuring 24'x26'x10' with 2 enclosed sides. Tom Dischler W5OHJ will provide a 24/7 dehumidifier for AMOSII. Romex and conduit will have to be purchased and run to provide power for the dehumidifier and operations. A proposal will be presented to the board. Herman Campbell KN5GRK will send out an email about the proposal and it will be voted on at the next meeting.

At this time we do not have a Hamfest Chairman. Galen Wilson KF5BET sent an email listing the things that are still to be done. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, has lined up the vendors and done so much else to promote the Hamfest. A BIG Thank You!!!!

Winter field Day will be on January 27, 2018 at Steve Webre's place in Church Point. Co-chairmen are Tom Dischler W5OHJ and Chris Ancelet N5MCY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy LeBlanc

KE5KJF

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From forwarded e-mail dated January 9, 2018:

Greetings:

I'd like to announce that I am volunteering as this year's HAMFEST coordinator. With that being said, here is a few details so far:

61 DAYS (8 WEEKS) UNTIL HAMFEST 2018!!

It is currently scheduled for March 9-10, 2018 at the Rayne Civic Center (same venue as last year). I am looking for any volunteers to assist with different aspects of the event (logistics, setup, tear down, tickets, hospitality, vendor relations, table reservations, demonstrations, and more!). If you've volunteered previously (THANK YOU!) and would like to do so again this year, please email me at the address below and I'll get you added to the list. If you've never volunteered for HAMFEST before, please consider doing so! We'll work hard and have a great time promoting our wonderful hobby!

If anyone has any questions, please email or call me. Let's make this HAMFEST as enjoyable as possible!

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Brandon J. Stelly (KG5LQM)[brandonstelly@gmail.com](mailto:brandonstelly@gmail.com)337-652-1146

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## 13th ANNUAL EAGLE EXPO

February 22-24, 2018 Morgan City, Louisiana

The BEARS of Morgan City will be hosting a Special Event station Saturday February 24, 2018 to publicize the 13th Eagle Expo. Please refer to Cajun Coast Visitor Center to review all of the information on the various educational events that will take place. (Link to Website): <https://www.cajuncoast.com/13th-annual-eagle-expo-more>

On Saturday the 24th, the club will go on the air at 10 am until 4 pm hoping to make contacts throughout the country. The station will be set up at the Morgan City Municipal Auditorium where many of the educational seminars will take place.

The club will be working 20m and 40m and is listed in the "Special Events" list of the ARRL QST magazine.

We hope friends from the Lafayette area and anyone else will try to contact us, and if anyone attends the event, please come by the station and visit. Club call is W5BMC and Echo Link contacts are also welcome on W5BMC-R, 507010.

For more information contact Jackie, KA5LMZ at [jelprice@att.net](mailto:jelprice@att.net).

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## DOD Comex 17-4: A Resounding Success

From November 4-6, 2017, the Department of Defense (DOD) sponsored a communications exercise that focused on interoperability between DOD elements, other federal agencies, and the Amateur Radio community. While the DOD exercise began two days earlier, the Amateur Radio portion of the exercise kicked off again with a high power information broadcast on 60 meters channel one (5,330.5 kHz) from a military station on the east coast and the Fort Huachuca HF gateway station located in Arizona. The high power broadcasts gave basic exercise information and requested amateur stations to make contact with Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) stations on 60 meters in order to provide a county status report. Amateur Radio operators also had the opportunity to submit a "broadcast reception" report in order to receive a QSL card. New for this exercise, planners divided the continental US geographically and assigned each region to one of the 60-meter channels in order to make more efficient use of all five channels. Planners roughly divided the US into northeast, southeast, northwest, southwest, and central regions.

Also new for this exercise, military planners incorporated a daytime broadcast on a DOD 13 MHz frequency--the purpose was to continue the exercise outreach to the amateur community in order to provide updates to the exercise and to continue gathering county status reports as well as broadcast reception reports.

Amateur Radio support for these DOD interoperability exercises continues to grow. For the November exercise, the military received a total of 738 broadcast reception reports. 494 or 67% of these reports were from the 60-meter broadcast while the remaining 244 reports were for the 13 MHz broadcast. The 60-meter broadcasts were received by stations in Canada, Spain and Switzerland. Included in the reception reports were several from the shortwave listening (SWL) community.

There were 1,925 amateur service stations participating in the exercise by submitting a total of 3,025 county status reports. After duplicate county reports were removed, there were a total of 1,272 unique county status reports submitted from the amateur community. QSL cards for amateur and shortwave listening stations who participated in this exercise are being processed and will be mailed in January.

Leaders from the supported DOD headquarters as well as the Chiefs of both the Army and Air Force MARS programs appreciated the nearly 2,000 Amateur Radio stations that trained during this exercise. -- US Army MARS Program Manager Paul English, WD8DBY

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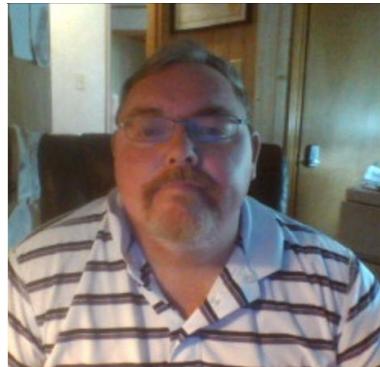
## 58th ACADIANA HAMFEST 2018

Friday March 9th & Saturday March 10th, 2018

Sponsored by: Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

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<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>



## SILENT KEY - Earl Morrow W5ELM

It is with heaviness on my heart to report that Earl Morrow, W5ELM, has become a silent key. Earl was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Karen, for thirty one years. He treasured his grandchildren. Earl served our country in the United States Navy for four years. He was the Allen Parish Ward 1 Constable, a volunteer first responder for Fire District #5, member of the American Red Cross, Emergency Coordinator for Allen Parish, as well as a volunteer for Oberlin Police Department for special events. Earl was a ham radio operator; his call sign was W5ELM. He was a member of the American Legion Post 27 of Deridder and Post 144 of Oberlin. He was a member and a deacon of New Testament Apostolic Holiness Church in Longville where he was responsible for live broadcasts and the church webpage. Earl was a man of strong faith and loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed yard work, computers, hunting, fishing, and sports. Earl was laid to rest with full military honors following his services at the Blackjack Cemetery in Oberlin. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Those left to cherish Earl's memory include his wife, Karen Marie Doty Morrow, of Oberlin; two sons, Earl Morrow II and wife, Kristen, of Oberlin, and Jordan Morrow, of Oberlin; two brothers, Bobby Daley and wife, Kathy, of Eunice, and Mike Morrow, of Lake Charles; one sister, Dianne Williams, of Elizabeth; and four grandchildren, Peyton, Layla, Paizlee, and Emmah. Earl is preceded in death by his parents, Deward and Annie Morrow; one son, Kacey DeWitt Morrow; and one granddaughter, Khloey Morrow.

## January 2018 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

| NET                       | SESSIONS: | TOTAL CHECK-INS: | TOTAL TRAFFIC: | TOTAL TIME: Minutes | Net Manager                  |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| AARA Monday Night Net     | 4         | 67               | Ø              |                     | N5KNY Paul                   |
| Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net | 4         | 67               | Ø              | 174                 | KF5FNP Glen                  |
| Silent Key Memorial Net   | 4         | 34               | Ø              | 49                  | KG5HNO Ramona                |
| Youth Thursday Night Net  | 4         | 66               | Ø              | 182                 | KF5BEW Abbi<br>KF5FYS Kendra |

*Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.  
~ T. S. Eliot*

## AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Linda Breaux KE5HSY is retiring as the AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net manager and will be replaced by Paul McCasland N5KNY.

Beginning January 2018, the net will not be rotating between repeaters but the Net Control Operators will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater only.

During 2018, if you check into the net you will receive one (1) point, if you stay for the 73 round, you will receive an extra point for a total of two (2). At the end of 2018, persons with the top score will receive a nice prize from the club, in case of a tie, a drawing will be held to chose a winner.

In case of a repeater failure, the alternate repeater will be the W5EXI repeater.

The February 2018 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsuite/news/htm>

| DATE:      | TIME:   | REPEATER:     | PL TONE: | NCS          |
|------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| 02/05/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Danny KD5JSM |
| 02/12/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Paul N5KNY   |
| 02/19/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Eric KG5JHP  |
| 02/26/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    |              |



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

|      |        |        |
|------|--------|--------|
| 2/04 | Weston | KB5WI  |
| 2/04 | Jerry  | N5PXE  |
| 2/06 | Ken    | KD5YWB |
| 2/15 | Greg   | K5ZRA  |
| 2/16 | Glen   | KD5NVC |
| 2/18 | Steve  | AF5VR  |
| 2/20 | Cheryl | KG5SIS |
| 2/24 | Danny  | KD5JSM |
| 2/29 | Steven | KG5NBZ |
| 3/04 | Shane  | KG5PUM |
| 3/05 | Eugene | KG5PHJ |
| 3/05 | Donald | KG5PHK |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

TIME TO PAY YOUR  
2018  
AARA DUES

Go to the [w5ddl.org](http://www.w5ddl.org) website, click on the "Membership Application" link, print and fill out the form and mail check to the address on the application.

## REGION 4 ARES / SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 ARES / SkyWarn Net will take place on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater in Lafayette. Net Control Operators will alternate each week. You do not have to be a ARES member to participate. In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The December schedule can be found at this link:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsuite/news/htm>

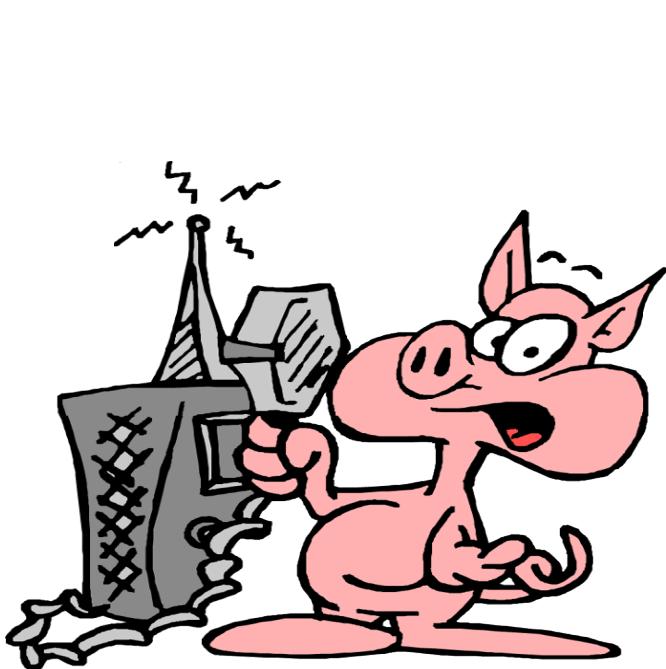
When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:  
NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5.

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*Share the Fun -  
Bring a Friend to be a  
HAM !*

**COMPLIMENTARY  
ISSUE**

**CQ..CQ..**



### QUICKEY STEW

Sometimes we need to fix up a quick meal in under an hour. Here is my favorite for cooler weather (besides a good gumbo).

1 ½ Lb ground Chuck  
1 can Diced Tomatoes  
1 can Green Beans – drained  
1 can Tomato Sauce  
1 small Onion – diced  
Beef Broth

1 can Beans (pinto, navy, or white)  
1 can Corn – drained  
1 can Diced Carrots – drained  
1 can Diced Potatoes  
¼ cup Bell Pepper – diced

In a large pan, brown ground chuck and season with Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning to preference. (You could use Salt and Pepper if you prefer.) Add Onion and Bell Pepper. Cook until done to the level you like. Drain off any excess grease. Add your Beans (do not drain), Diced Tomato (do not drain), and Tomato Sauce. Pour Beef Broth into empty can of diced Tomatoes and add to pan. Add Corn, Carrots, diced Potatoes, and Green Beans to pan. Stir well. Allow to simmer for at least one-half hour covered. Serve over Brown Rice.

Moe K2JDM

### **FCC Information Service**

**Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322**  
**This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:**

**[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov)**

**FCC Website:**

**<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>**

**New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.**

**<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>**

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445 12th Street SW  
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